OLR Bill Analysis SB 63

AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FROM THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND FOR STROKE RESEARCH.

SUMMARY:

This bill expands the purposes for which the Department of Public Health (DPH) may make grants from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to include biomedical research related to strokes. DPH may already award grants from the fund for biomedical research in heart disease, cancer, other tobacco-related diseases, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes.

By law, DPH may award the grants to (1) nonprofit, tax-exempt colleges or universities or (2) hospitals that conduct biomedical research. The total amount of grants made during a fiscal year cannot exceed 50% of the total amount held in the fund on the date the grants are approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/11/2013)